

PUBLIC LETTER TO CHAIRMAN AJIT PAI
May 7, 2017

Dear Chairman:

This coming May/2017, AM broadcasters in Puerto Rico will "celebrate" NATIONAL RADIO MONTH with a historical event: The signing off forever of four AM synchronous boosters that have been operating in Puerto Rico for almost two decades. Exactly two months from now (May 7, 2017) WA2XPA, WI2XSO, WI3XSO licensed to Wifredo G. Blanco-Pi and WI2XAC licensed to Bestov Broadcasting will have to sign-off forever, given six months in advance notification from the FCC.

The Association of Consulting Engineers, multiple Consulting engineer firms, the former and actual Governor of Puerto Rico, the former and actual Congressman/Congresswoman of Puerto Rico, the Senate and House of Representatives of Puerto Rico (both of them Unanimously) among many others, have expressed in favor of licensing them permanently but the FCC insists in canceling these AM synchronous booster licenses. An ex-broadcaster woman from Texas came to Puerto Rico and listened to WAPA/WA2XPA and told the FCC how excellent AM synchronous boosters work in Puerto Rico but nothing seems to convince the FCC to permanently grant AM stations the opportunity to use a synchronous booster system wherever possible. All of their comments were included in RM-11779. (The comments of the Texan ex-broadcaster is attached to this email)

In 1986 the FCC authorized a UNIQUE, EXPERIMENTAL, MULTIPLE TV transmitters system for WSTE-TV (One main transmitter and THREE HIGH POWERED BOOSTERS). *"In 1992, the Commission granted (WSTE) Siete Grande waivers of Sections 73.1675(a) and 74.735(d) of the Rules in order to permit operation of the multi-station facility on a regular basis. Siete Grande, 7 FCC Rcd 5299 (1992)." a quote from FCC's DA 02-3383.*

In December 2002 the FCC helped WSTE-TV to license their unique experimental high powered multiple booster system PERMANENTLY.

The FCC published Public Notice DA 02-3383 requesting commentaries on giving a permanent unitary license to WSTE-TV multiple experimental boosters.

The FCC indeed received the commentaries and proceeded to give WSTE-TV that permanent license to that unique experimental system.

As in the case of WSTE-TV in Puerto Rico, AM broadcasters found that these unique multiple synchronous boosters were useful to revitalize their AM stations. However, AM radio is treated differently.

Why can't the FCC help AM broadcasters that are convinced AM synchronous boosters are a useful tool for AM REVITALIZATION?

The Comments for Rulemaking RM-11779 were all in favor of AM synchronous boosters.

Why can't the FCC proceed making permanent existing boosters in Puerto Rico and the Continental US as it proceeded with WSTE-TV's boosters?

Make the miracle of Christmas this coming May: Pronounce in favor of making permanent AM synchronous boosters.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED.

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(son of the 85 year old engineer that developed the synchronous booster technology in Puerto Rico, USA.)

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